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Customer No. 000027683

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1, 6, 9, 10, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26 and 34 are amended and claims 1-35 remain in the application. Re-examination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.



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1. Amendment and Request for Reconsideration Under 37 CFR §1.111;
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3. Transmittal letter.

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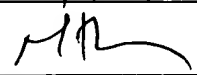
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